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GERMANY'S "FOREBEARANCE" TO AMERICA.

While reading the many opinions as to America's "forebearance to Germany, it is interesting to hear the other side. The Iowa Posten talks on the situation in this fashion:

"As a first-class power, the greatest military power in the world, and also a land fighting for its economic existence against an enemy ten times as numerous, let us say at once that Germany has shown the United States a surprising consideration and a forbearing patience which is hard to understand.

"The reason can not be fear of the American army or navy. The former was not able to do anything of consequence in Mexico, and what could the latter do where the combined fleets of England, France, Italy and Russia came to naught? The American fleet could as little harm Germany as a fleet of our ancient Vikings."

"We have in this country millions of splendid people of German descent. Before the war they were—with the Scandinavians—admittedly the best immigrants coming to America. They were perfectly loyal, hard-working, industrious, and good tempered; they had helped to defend the country; they had helped to build the country; they were citizens of which any country had all reasons to be proud. But since 1914 their position has been very unpleasant; they have been doubted; they have been accused, belied, embarrassed, and insulted. In a state of war they should have been the first to suffer.

"The only possible claim the United States has on Germany is the demand that Americans be allowed to go wherever they please, to travel in the war-zone, without being shot or drowned.

"A submarine can not see whether one or more Americans are aboard an English ammunition or provision ship. The vessel is torpedoed, and Americans, like other humans, are drowned. America is the only country which claims for its citizens this right. Sweden, which all through the war has preserved a real neutrality, declared at its beginning that those citizens who went aboard British ammunition ships did so at their own risk. But America stands ready to go to war over the life of a negro muleteer. But down in Mexico we are not nearly so particular. We know that American lives have for years been in constant danger. But Americans who went down there, said Washing, did so at their own risk. And they have indeed done so!"

"The ruling classes of this country are of British descent, and they look up to England as to their motherland. They pay no attention to what Americans of other nationalities think. Germany is their enemy, because Germany is the enemy of England. If people of other nationalities should dare to object, they are silenced with the accusation that they are not good Americans.

"The president, whose ancestors were Englishmen, has since the beginning of the war done all he could to help England. * * * Several members of the cabinet are Americanized British. Mr. Lansing is a known German hater. Germans and Scandinavians have nothing whatever to say in regard to the foreign policy of this country, and that accounts for its trend."

TIME TO ACT.

President Wilson has had the opportunity every day for a year past to call the neutral nations in convention to try, with the new lights which the present war has supplied, to frame a new international code for the government of nations.

We believe that what was before an opportunity has now become a duty. The invitation should include the Pope, for his people are a potential factor in all the nations at war, save Japan and Turkey.

The last pronouncement of the emperor of Germany; the last appeal to the British people by the prime minister of the kingdom—the representatives of two of the most stubborn nations on earth—when carefully studied, reveal the desperation of the two governments. The one frankly admits that his hope of ultimate success depends upon the effectiveness of his sub-sea assassins; the other admits that to stand off that perpetual drain there must be such a husbandry of resources, and such other ex-

treme sacrifices, as the British people have never before been called upon to meet.

But suppose the present program is pushed until one or the other of these two is forced to sue for peace—what then?

That day will not come until the masses of the people in all the states in Europe, save France, will be dying of starvation, and chaos will rule.

No two governments have the right to inflict such sorrows or such a wound upon civilization.

Hence the call for a convention should include a call upon the nations at war to submit their respective claims to that assembly. The call should also include an incisive statement to the effect that they have demonstrated their inability to settle the war by the sword; that they have practically been in a deadlock for a year, and that they have reached such a situation that the sympathy for the soldiers who are dying in the trenches has been overshadowed by the sufferings of the people behind the lines.

But whether or not the belligerents accept the invitation, the congress should be called and begin its work. The new code might be acceptable to the people of Europe, and if so, then the people behind the respective powers at war might raise a storm which would compel a peace—for poor human nature can bear only about so much.

It may be said that the call would be kept from the people. It could not be. There is a wireless that will find its way. Indeed, the last statements of Emperor William and Lloyd-George were surely S. O. S. calls to the world.

In both countries the ship of state is in a sinking condition; the anarchy that comes from despair is preparing its aeroplanes for flight before the craft finally goes down.

Surely it is time to call a halt, and to call it in the name of the little children and devoted women of those lands who are dying of starvation and mental torture.

It would not surprise us should the news come that on the western front the soldiers on both sides, filled with the sorrows of their loved ones at home, had thrown down their arms and refused to continue longer the hopeless war.

There is another reason for the call; the minds of all enlightened people in neutral nations are shaken and perturbed by the awful horrors of the inexcusable war.—Goodwin's Weekly.

SCHOOL GARDENING.

The school garden movement was not promoted so much for what few potatoes and beans the youngsters could raise on their little plots. It was more to train the children in industrious habits, and to interest them in processes of nature. But vegetables are regarded with wholesome respect now. The National Educational Association plans to push school gardens harder this summer, as a resource in food production.

Teachers are to secure permission to use vacant lots and back yards. If the schools everywhere would promote this movement, an increase could be made in the food supply. Speculators who are contriving to beat the last dollar out of the poor man, would reflect on all these little stocks stored away in a million cellars.

The school gardens will be planted with boisterous enthusiasm. It always gives a youngster a thrill to do something like his father. He will feel like a grown man while he is digging his furrows and dropping in his seed. There will come a day when the weeds have grown very tall. The teacher is rusticated at rural retreats. A boy's will is the wind's will, and vacation days are full of pressing engagements. The swimming hole has to be visited several times a day, and there are no end of birds nests to be inspected and back yard ball games to be played. Then there is the inappropriate fact that the garden was not laid out in the shade. If this vital consideration had not been overlooked, it would have been much more practical for Tommy to weed his plot.

Still the children's gardens have really raised a substantial amount of produce. Children are happier if they have some regular task, but their gardens will amount to a great deal more if some competent person is given the job of regularly supervising them. Father can well afford to pay something for real vegetables.

PRETENDS ONE THING AND PORTENDS ANOTHER

In speaking of tariffs, commissions, the Democratic party, its president, its pretensions and portendings, the following from the Congressional Record is interesting:

Mr. Mondell.—Mr. Chairman, the gentleman from New York (Mr. Fitzgerald), whose mind is generally as clear as crystal, has confused two entirely separate and different things. He has confused the possible bringing in by the Democratic majority of a tariff measure largely protective in character with the conversion of the Democratic party to the principles of protection. Now, in my opinion, it is altogether possible and quite probable that if the gentleman on the other side shall control the next congress, which heaven forbid, we shall see a protective tariff measure of a sort brought in from that side. It may not be just the kind of a protective measure that my friend from Pennsylvania, Mr. Moore, or I would approve, but it might be a very fair sort of a protective measure nevertheless. But the fact that such a measure was brought in and supported on that side would not necessarily prove that that side had

been converted to the protective tariff policy. We have seen at one time and another legislation enacted by almost unanimous vote on that side relative to which we had very serious doubts as to whether the gentlemen really approved their votes or the measures they supported.

We had a fine illustration of that in the Panama canal tolls matter, which the gentleman from New York so feelingly spoke of this afternoon.

When this tariff commission, the Democratic party has provided for, has brought in a report clearly justifying the protective tariff measure, a gentleman dwelling, for four years or more, at the other end of Pennsylvania avenue might—and I, for one, would not be surprised if he did—appear here with a message clothed in that matchless English of which he is the master, declaring that while his party stood solidly where the party always has stood, against protection as a principle, and firm as a rock for free trade or a tariff for revenue, still, as another distinguished Democrat once said, "It is a condition and not a theory which confronts us." All the world the president might say is organized in groups of powers for the purpose of benefiting their commerce, in-

"Why don't they write a song about 'Daddy'?" asked McCormack



John McCormack

And now here is the famous tenor singing such a song for the Victor. "Tommy Lad" came into being just in time to be a sort of response to Mr. McCormack's thought, that in view of all the songs about mother, we might have at least one about "daddy."

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creasing their manufactures, and spreading their trade; in the fact of such a situation, peace by that time having come, but commercial war being rampant, the president might present to us a very persuasive argument in favor of meeting the situation by a tariff framed for the purpose of matching the trade and tariff measures of the Old World with protection as a purely emergency measure.

If there should be a Democratic majority in the next house, I should expect such a message from the present occupant of the White House. If that time comes, I should expect to see, provided the Democrats control the house, otherwise nothing of the sort—I should expect to see the gentlemen on the other side, as I have often seen them before, firm as a rock in their devotion to Democratic principles but voting as the president suggests.

Mr. Cannon.—Mr. Chairman, I move to strike out the last three words. The English language is a wonderful language. Webster's Unabridged Dictionary is a wonderful dictionary, and once in a while a new word is coined. I recollect a law suit in which I was engaged when a young man and a witness that I depended upon to make out my client's case was very effectually impeached. I cross-examined the witness as to the neighborhood in which he lived, how many neighbors they heard talk of him, and finally I got an old man on the stand that I was cross-examining, and he said, "Joe Cannon, do you know that Cy Tompkins pretends one thing and pretends another?" (Laughter.) My friend from Wyoming means that the great leader of the Democratic party who issues the commands, which have been obeyed so far, pretends one thing and pretends another. (Laughter.)

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CANADIAN WAR FINANCE.

For Canada to maintain her army in the field, and to assist the allied nations with munitions, calls for the employment of her utmost financial strength. In other words, what Britain is doing her overseas dominions must also try to do in the most effective way. During this year Can-

ada will have to raise at least \$250,000,000 for her own war expenditures, and fully as much more to finance British war purchases in the Dominion. This will call for extraordinary efforts, the discarding of all luxuries, and the concentrating of all Canadian resources upon a single purpose—the gaining of a complete victory in the shortest possible time.

What Canada has already accomplished in this regard is but little realized: Successful loans were floated in New York, combinations with the Bank of England and the British treasury enabled huge war purchases to be financed in Canada, and vast credits established in the Dominion. Canadian banks were induced to supplement treasury loans for purposes of British credit with large commitments on their own account, and by these means contracts for \$600,000,000 worth of munitions were obtained for Canada, with probably another \$400,000,000 worth of other war supplies. And that Canada is capable of still more extraordinary efforts few will gainsay. Last year she absorbed most readily two domestic loans. The first was for \$50,000,000, and the subscriptions enabled twice that sum to be obtained. The second was for \$100,000,000, and subscription totaling \$180,000,000 were received. Here were \$280,000,000 offered in a single year and without depleting the deposits in savings banks for more than a month or two. As the days go by, and she gets greater benefit from the steady growing volume of war trade within her boundaries, her people should easily be able to subscribe another \$300,000,000 this year without special effort; and by a thrift campaign be in a position to provide still another \$200,000,000.—From "Canada Faces New Problems," by Hon. P. T. McGrath, in the American Review of Reviews, for March, 1917.

LIFT YOUR CORNS OFF WITH FINGERS

Tells how to loosen a tender corn or callus so it lifts off without pain.

You reckless men and women who are pestered with corns and who have at least once a week invited an awful death from lockjaw or blood poison are now told by a Cincinnati authority to use a drug called freezezone, which the moment a few drops are applied to any corn or callus the soreness is relieved and soon the entire corn or callus, root and all, lifts off with the fingers.

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